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SUBJ: CSCE: PROPOSED CONSULTATION AT NATO

REFS: A. USNATO 5787

B. USNATO 5813

1. USDEL CSCE APPRECIATES THE SUGGESTION REPORTED IN REFTELS THAT CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE SUBJECTS BE HELD AT NATO PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF THE CONFERENCE ON JAN 14. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE MORE USEFUL IN SOME SUBJECT AREAS THAN OTHERS.

2. AT DEC 5 CAUCUS OF NATO REPS IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY SECURITY THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR JOINT MEETING WITH POLADS IN BRUSSELS ON JAN 11 FOR DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM TACTICS IN THIS SUBCOMMITTEE. WE BELIEVE
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SUCH A MEETING MAY BE LARGELY REPETITIVE OF JOINT

MEETING HELD AT NATO NOV 23, AND WOULD HAVE PREFERRED JOINT MEETING IN LATE JAN OR EARLY FEB. NEVERTHELESS, WE DO NOT FEEL WE CAN OBJECT TO MEETING, AND FRG REP IS PREPARING DOCUMENT SUMMARIZING POSITIONS OF NEUTRALS AND WARSAW PACT ON CBM ISSUES FOR EACH DEL TO FORWARD TO ITS MISSION AT NATO FOR USE AS REFERENCE MATERIAL.

3. IN BASKET II, WE HAVE PUSHED EC-NINE TO CONSULT WITH A VIEW TOWARD DEVELOPING A COMMON APPROACH TO PROBLEMS FACED BY ECONOMIC SUBCOMMITTEES, AND WE CONSIDER THAT CONSULTATIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS IN NATO WOULD PUT ONUS ON EUROPEANS TO COME FORWARD WITH POSITIONS AND/OR PROPOSALS.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHILE THERE IS A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN BASKET III AT NATO, WE DOUBT THAT A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF SPECIFICS WOULD GAIN SIGNIFICANTLY BY BEING HELD IN BRUSSELS RATHER THAN GENEVA, WHERE ONE IS ALREADY PLANNED.

5. WE WOULD THEREFOR BE INCLINED TO ACCEPT ECONADS DISCUSSION OF BASKET II AS PROPOSED REFA, AND POLADS DISCUSSION OF MILITARY SECURITY AS OUTLINED PARA 2 ABOVE. IN ADDITION TO THESE SUBJECTS, WE SEE A NEED OFR DISCUSSION IN NATO ON SOME KEY GENERAL CSCE ISSUES, SUCH AS NATURE OF FINAL DOCUMENTS AND FOLLOW-ON. PERHAPS PROGRAM FOR JAN 10-11 COULD INCLUDE SEPARATE POLADS/SPC MEETINGS OR AGENDA ITEMS ON MILITARY SECURITY AND GENERAL QUESTIONS.

6. USDEL CSCE WILL TRY TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE REPS FOR ALL DISCUSSIONS. BASSIN

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